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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

June 9, 2010

The United States Men's National Soccer Team is preparing to play in the FIFA World Cup scheduled in South Africa from June 11 to July 11, 2010. The United States has now qualified for six consecutive FIFA World Cup tournaments, ranking the men's team among the world's finest and signaling an era of unprecedented popularity and historic growth for the sport of soccer throughout our nation.

The FIFA World Cup Tournament staged in the United States in 1994 served as a catalyst for said popularity and growth of the game, as well as the introduction of Major League Soccer, our national first division professional soccer league. The United States Soccer Federation has appointed a USA Bid Committee to campaign for the return of the FIFA World Cup to the United States in the years 2018 or 2022. The spirit of the USA Bid Committee's campaign is to further grow and celebrate the game of soccer in a United States of more than 300 million diverse people, representing all nations that gather every four years to compete in or follow the FIFA World Cup.

The ultimate goal of a FIFA World Cup in the United States in 2018 or 2022 is to

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bring together people of all nations under one banner of peace, friendship and spirited but fair competition on the stage of the world's most popular sport and athletic event.

In the spirit of FIFA's goal, the County of Los Angeles joins in support of the United States Men's National Team in the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the USA Bid Committee's role in helping to return the FIFA World Cup to the United States for a new generation of Americans and their guests in 2018 and 2022. Residents can also increase our country's chance of being named host of the FIFA World Cup in 2018 or 2022 by adding his or her name to the online petition on GOUSABID.COM.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors proclaim Friday, June 11, 2010 as "National USA Bid and FIFA World Cup Day" in Los Angeles County, and urge all County residents to add his or her name to the online petition to bring the FIFA World Cup to the United States in 2018 or 2022.

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